

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-8, 10-12, and 30-41 are pending. Claims 1-8, 10-12 and 30-41 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Applicant respectfully requests examination of the claims.

II. The Restriction Requirement is Improper

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement of claims 1-8, 10-12 and 30-41. In particular, the Examiner is requiring that Applicant elect one of the following four inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-6, 8, 10-12 and 30 directed to iron chelator delivery systems with an antibody for targeting cardiac protein(s);

Group II: Claims 7 and 36-38 directed to iron chelator delivery systems with cationic or anionic charge groups;

Group III: Claims 31-35 directed to iron chelator delivery systems with a liver cell receptor targeting agent; and

Group IV: Claims 39-41 directed to methods of preventing iron overload with an iron chelator delivery system.

However, because claims 1-8, 10-12 and 30-41 can be examined together without serious burden on the Examiner, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn. Claims 1-8, 10-12 and 30-41 are related in that each of the claims, either directly or through dependency, recites the language “an iron chelator delivery system comprising an iron chelator and a lipid carrier.” Such a relationship allows for examination of these claims together without resulting in any undue burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, the restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

III. Applicant Elects Group III for Examination

Notwithstanding the above traversal of the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group III (claims 31-35) for examination.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests examination of the claims.

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